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Police prepare for camp showdown

DALE FARM: Specially-trained riot officers on stand-by at travellers' site

By Chris Harris

PLANNING is under way for a multi-million-pound policing operation to quell potential disorder as the eviction threat looms at an Essex travellers' camp.

As protesters embed themselves at the Dale Farm site near Basildon, Essex Police are gearing up for the mass eviction and have put riot-trained officers on stand-by.

Travellers failed in a High Court bid to stop the clearing of more than 400 residents living on the illegal part of the gypsy site.

The row over unauthorised properties at the former scrapyard has been rumbling on for a decade, with around 80 homes deemed to breach planning conditions.

Basildon Council is expected to begin eviction proceedings over the coming weeks after a 28-day notice served on Dale Farm residents expired last Wednesday.

The travellers, who have been joined by activists at the site, have vowed to keep their resistance to the evictions peaceful.

Resident Kathleen McCarthy said: "Supporters are welcome here and we remain determined to stay. We will resist the bailiffs and build barricades but none of us have weapons or anything like that. Anybody who is welcomed on this site will resist in a peaceful way."

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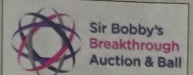


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WEATHER



By Dan Holley of WeatherQuest

Today

Area A

Morning: A bright start, but scattered showers are expected, perhaps heavier towards midday.

Afternoon: Some sunny intervals, but rather cloudy at times with a continued risk of showers, some heavy with hail.

Details: The day's high will be 19C (66F) with a moderate southwesterly wind.

Tonight: Turning more cloudy overnight, with the risk of some patchy light rain or drizzle later. Minimum tonight around 12C (54F) with a moderate or fresh wind from the southwest.

Area B

Morning: Sunny spells, but blustery showers quickly developing and becoming heavy.

Afternoon: Some sunny intervals, but also further heavy showers, some with hail and a risk of thunder.

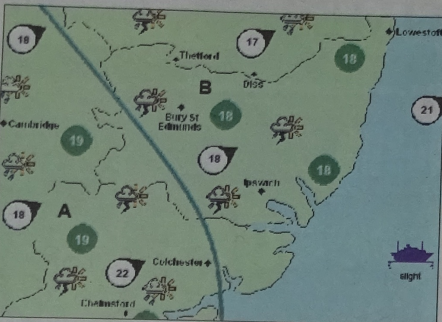
Details: Fresh west to southwesterly wind, with a maximum temperature of 19C (66F).

Tonight: Showers clearing but turning cloudier overnight, with the risk of some light rain or drizzle at times. A strong west or southwesterly wind and a lowest temperature of 12C (54F).

North Sea

Seas slight or moderate, becoming rough. Winds force 5 or 6.

Weather at noon



UK summary

South: Some sunny intervals, but rather cloudy at times with the chance of occasional blustery showers. Tonight turning more cloudy overnight, with the risk of some patchy light rain or drizzle later. Max 20C (68F) Min 13C (55F)

West: A mixture of sunny intervals and blustery heavy showers. Tonight turning cloudier overnight, with the risk of some rain spreading in. Max 17C (63F) Min 13C (55F)

Midlands: Sunny spells, but rather cloudy at times with the chance of occasional blustery showers. Tonight turning cloudier overnight, with the risk of some rain spreading in from the west. Max 17C (63F) Min 11C (52F)

North: Sunny spells and scattered showers, some heavy and thundery with a chance of hail. Tonight cloudier with the risk of rain. Max 15C (59F) Min 11C (52F)

Scotland: Cloudy with showery rain at first, but becoming brighter with a mixture of sunny spells and scattered showers. Tonight a few clear spells, but turning more cloudy as outbreaks of rain move in. Max 13C (55F) Min 10C (50F)



Wales: Some sunny spells but often cloudy with blustery showers, some heavy and with hail. Tonight a cloudy night, with the some rain at times, and misty over the hills. Max 16C (61F) Min 11C (52F)

World yesterday

Place	C	F	W	Place	C	F	W
Alicante	30	86	f	Dubai	42	108	f
Amsterdam	20	68	f	Dublin	14	57	r
Athens	30	86	f	Dubrovnik	17	63	f
Atlanta	32	90	s	Eilat	37	99	f
Auckland	13	55	s	Faro	22	72	f
Bahamas	31	88	s	Florence	26	79	f
Bahrain	36	97	f	Frankfurt	24	75	pc
Barcelona	27	81	f	Galway	21	70	s
Beijing	28	82	f	Geneva	25	77	f
Benidorm	30	86	f	Hanoi	31	88	s
Bermuda	28	82	s	Harare	35	95	f
Bodrum	36	97	f	Havana	32	90	c
Bordeaux	17	63	pc	Helsinki	16	61	pc
Brest	20	68	pc	Hong Kong	32	90	f
Brisbane	19	66	r	Istanbul	29	84	pc
Brussels	30	86	f	Ibiza	29	84	s
Budapest	18	64	f	Johannesburg	22	72	f
Buenos Aires	31	88	ha	Karachi	37	99	th
Cairo	15	59	s	Kathmandu	29	84	pc
Calcutta	17	63	s	Kingston	22	72	s
Calgary	15	59	s	Kuala Lumpur	31	88	pc
Canberra	17	63	s	Lama	30	86	pc
Cape Town	17	63	pc	Lima	18	64	f
Casablanca	26	79	pc	Los Angeles	18	64	pc
Casablanca	26	79	pc	Luxor	37	99	f
Christchurch	15	59	s	Madrid	22	72	f
Colombo	30	86	pc	Majorca	28	82	s
Copenhagen	20	68	f	Malaga	30	86	s
Crete	27	81	s				
Dakar	30	86	f				
Darwin	29	84	pc				
Denver	19	66	s				

Britain yesterday

Place	C	F	W	Place	C	F	W
Aberdeen	16	61	rain	Lincoln	16	61	rain
Aberystwyth	16	61	rain	London	19	66	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Manchester	19	66	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Norwich	19	66	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Nottingham	16	61	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Orkney	16	61	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Oxford	16	61	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Peterborough	16	61	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Plymouth	17	63	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Portsmouth	15	59	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Redruth	16	61	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Scarborough	14	57	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Shrewsbury	14	57	rain
Aldershot	16	61	rain	Whitby	16	61	rain

Sun & Moon

Sunrise 0611
Sunset 1936
LIGHTING-UP
TIME: Sunset to
sunrise. Moonrise
1444 moonset
2239. First quarter
at 1839.

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NEWS

Police all set for evictions

DALE FARM: Operation at travellers' site

By Chris Harris

RIOT-trained officers are today on stand-by to help as bailiffs prepare to move in at an Essex travellers' camp.

Essex Police is ready and waiting as the eviction draws closer and they have already called on colleagues from Suffolk and Norfolk to join them for what is expected to be a major operation as families are evicted from Dale Farm, which lies between Billericay and Wickford.

The actual date of the eviction is being kept under close wraps by chiefs at Basildon Borough Council but the proceedings are expected to get under way over the coming weeks, possibly within a matter of days.

It comes after travellers last week failed in a last-ditch High Court bid to halt the eviction of more than 400 people.

The hearing followed a decade-long row over unauthorised properties on the former scrap yard. Although half of the site is legal, more than 80 properties are deemed to be breaching planning conditions.

Suffolk Constabulary has refused to reveal how many riot-trained officers would be dispatched to Dale Farm if trouble did break out.

Although travellers - who have been joined by activists protesting against the clearance - have strengthened barricades they have vowed their resistance will be peaceful.

Kathleen McCarthy, a Dale Farm resident, said: "We have gas canisters but they are for fuel and will absolutely not be used as weapons."

"We are a proud community and we are absolutely not interested in anyone who wants to come on here and cause trouble."



DEFIANT: Members of the McCarthy family at Dale Farm travellers' site, in Essex

Photo: PA

Essex Constabulary - which has begun planning for a multi-million-pound policing operation to protect travellers, supporters and bailiffs - has confirmed it will bear the cost of drafting in officers from other forces.

Nishan Wijeratne, a spokesman for Essex Police said: "We will reimburse mutual aid forces who supply their officers for the police operation - the cost of which will primarily be dictated by any period of disorder caused by individuals at the site."

Lisa Miller, a spokesman for Suffolk Constabulary, said: "Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies are providing officers to support Essex Police during the eviction process at Dale Farm."

"These resources have been planned to allow policing of Norfolk and Suffolk to continue as normal."

Suffolk and Essex landowners have already been warned to secure entrances to their properties amid concerns over a possible influx of travellers evicted from Dale Farm.

It has already emerged that at least one location in the region, Forge Caravan Site in Combs, near Stowmarket, has offered displaced families a place to stay.

Sally Smith, a spokesman for the eastern branch of the Country Landowners Association, said: "When the legal action was won by Basildon Borough Council we emailed our members pointing out what the evictions meant."

"Certainly, initially, there would be a number of people who will be looking for sites, and it would be wise that field boundaries were as secure as possible."

"We do warn all our members that they really need to block off gateways and other access to their properties. We are telling them to block up and lock up gateways, drives and do whatever they can."

"I think there is a concern in Essex, Suffolk and neighbouring counties that the people are going to have to find somewhere."

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Europe

Thundery rain will affect much of the Alps, Italy and across the Balkans. Fine, dry and very warm across much of Spain, the Mediterranean and Eastern Europe, with a small risk of an afternoon shower. Blustery showers will affect much of France, Germany and the Low Countries, while Scandinavia will see the day dry and bright before clouding over with outbreaks of rain spreading into Denmark and Norway.

High tides

Tidal differences on Harwich

Harwich: 0540 1808

Lowestoft	-2.23	Ipswich	+0.20
Southwold	-1.48	Mistley/Wivenhoe	+0.20
Aldeburgh (front)	-1.03	Burnham-on-Crouch	+0.30
Orford Bar	-0.25	Woodbridge	+0.45
Woodbridge Haven	+0.50	Maldon	+0.50
and Felixstowe Pier	+0.25	Slaughden (quay)	+1.15
Colne Point	+0.10	Snapes Bridge	+1.45

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Man in court over death crash

A MAN accused of causing death by dangerous driving after an Ipswich woman was killed on the Essex/Suffolk border is due to enter his plea today.

Joao Alves, of Bramford Lane, Ipswich, is scheduled to appear before Judge

Alves was charged following the fatal crash, which occurred at the base of a bridge on the A12 near Dedham on September 26 last year.

A BMW left the road and hit the pillars of the

Court in late June. During the hearing the case was committed to crown court, before Alves was released on bail.

The 51-year-old also